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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN ORPHANS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

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1. STORY IN APRIL 11, STARS AND STRIPES HEADLINED "KHMER ADOPTIONS POSSIBLE IN OKI" REPORTS THAT NEIGHBORS AID TO ASIA (NATA) TULSA OKLAHOMA BASED MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION HAS INFORMED EMBASSY PHNOM PENH THAT IT WILLING TO ACCEPT CAMBODIAN ORPHANS FOR ADOPTION AND THAT EMBASSY HOPES TO AIRLIFT 750 CHILDREN A DAY FROM CAMBODIA. NATA OKINAWA REP. L.O. ROMANS STATES THAT NATA WILL TRY TO BRING SOME OF THE ORPHANS TO OKINAWA FOR ADOPTION. STORY SAYS ROMANS IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE, MILITARY OR MILITARY CONNECTED, WHO CAN ADOPT

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CHILDREN AND GIVES ROMANS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

2. ROMANS HAD CALLED AT CONGEN ON APRIL 10 AND ASKED ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING EMBASSY TO OFER NATA SERVICES. HE CLAIMED THAT SENATOR HENRY BELLMON INTERESTED IN INSURING FULL COOPERATION OF USG WITH NATA AND SINATOR HAD ADVISED NATA TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH EMBASSY THROUGH CONGEN. PROBLEM OF MINIMIZE EXPLAINED TO ROMANS AND WE SUGGESTED HE ATTEMPT DIRECTLY CONTACT HIS PHNOM PENH REP. NOW THAY, UNCLASSIFIED

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81 NEHRU BLVD, TELEPHONE 260.80. ALSO, AS ROMANS, SAID

THAT NATA OFFICIAL TODD BURKE WAS ENROUTE FROM TULSA TO
PHNOM PENH; WE SUGGESTED THAT BURKE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
CONTACT EMBASSY DIRECTLY.

3. IN VIEW OF MINIMIZE AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, ROMANS
REQUEST REPORTED TO DEPT IN REFTEL FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.
HOWEVER STARS AND STRIPES ARTICLE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ALREADY
INTENSE EMOTIONAL INTEREST IN ORPHANS AMONG LARGE US
MALITARY COMMUNITY ON OKINAWA. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPT AND PHNOM PEHN'S GUIDANCE ON ANSWERING INQUIRIES.

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